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As a user of Microsoft products for over 16 years, a developer of software, and a native born American I would like to see the Microsoft Anti-trust case settled. The action of the Government on behalf of the people was warranted and the settlement that is currently in place should be finalized.

As a long standing application developer and data manager, I feel that leaving Microsoft in tact is the prudent and necessary action. Making two or three companies out of the one company would be an unnatural and abhorrent decision. Let the company over time grapple with this issue, we might find in the future a division that would be natural and logical. Historically we have noted that when an external mediator or arbitrator, who is not intimately involved with software development, gets into the process and initiates decisions, the lack of in-depth experience and knowledge will most often cause damage to all sides represented in the decision.

In short, a person or organization who has limited knowledge or a vested interest to divide or not to divide, then the people get shorted. We should eliminate this shorting of the American public and let this thing play out.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this.

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